SPIRIT OF THE MOUNING PRESS. The Intelligencer, speaking of Mr. Badger's bill to increase the pay of members of Congress and the judges of the United States Supreme Court, says:

an increase of pay to other public servants, that the move now made by Mr. Badger has not been made before; but there is a fitness in the introduction of the proposition by a mem ber who, while he may be supposed to have felt the justice of the measure, will not be here himself to enjoy the benefit of it. Remembering, as we do, the good effect which resulted to the business of Congress from the experiment of the salary system many years ago, we could have wished that the increased compention now proposed to that branch of the Government had taken the same shape."

The Union, discussing the new fashion of mixing politics with religion, says:

"The people of the United States should pause before they sanction this intrusion of the Church on the State, and this palpable design to bring legislation into subserviency to religious dogmas and fantacies, which, if made the basis of the action of government, will render every provision of our Federal and State constitutions for the protection of personal liberty null and void. That many pulpit politicians aim at such a consummation, and dieam of its accomplishment, is becoming every day more apparent. It was lately stated that sixty-six clergymen had been elected to the Legislature of Massachusetts, and two or three to Congress In Ohio and other States we see the same thing. After having prostituted the pulpit to political harangues, they aspire to the halls of legislation, and, without doubt, are prepared to ingraft their system of 'higher law' on the organic laws of the States and the Union. We pre sume they mean to fulfill the obligation of their ordination, 'to maintain and set forward, as much as in them lieth, quietness, peace, and love among all Christians,' by sowing dissensions in the States, and fostering inveterate antipathies between different sections of the

NEW PUBLICATIONS .- Shillington has sent us a new drama, in five acts, entitled a "Night in Buenos Ayres," the American reprint of Dickens's "Household Words," and "Graham's Magazine" for January. The publisher has sent us the specimen number of Fletcher's Family Bible, which is embellished with two beautiful steel engravings, representing "the Captives in Babylon," and "Moses in the ark of bulrushes." It also contains beautiful family records for marriages and births. It is proposed to issue this capital edition at 64 cents per number.

have reported in favor of the union of the Hards and Softs, and have perfected an organization under the following leaders; President, John Cochrane; Vice Presidents, Samuel Osgood and Charles H. Ring; Corresponding Secretary, Thomas A. Glover; Recording Secretary, Dr. H. Shephard; Treasurer, Conrad Swackhamer; and Sergeant-at-Arms, Thomas H. Ferris. It is intended to hold an union ratification meeting at Tammany at an early

OUT OF EMPLOYMENT .- The New York Herald furnishes the following list of the number of artisans and mechanics thrown out of employment of that city:

Tailors and tailoresses 7,000; cabinetmakers, upholsterers, &c., 1,500; masons, 2,000; machinists, smiths, &c., 700; printers, 500; stereotypers, 150; bookbinders, folders, and stitchers, 450; shoemakers, 400; house carpenters, 200; ship carpenters, 700; rope makers, bleck makers, riggers &c., 500; plasterers, 200; plumbers, 600; umbrella makers, 250; hatters, 300. Total, 15,450.

Those of our readers who are in quest of elegant and appropriate presents for the holidays, will find at Shillington's Book Store, Odeon Building, a magnificent assortment of Annuals, Gift Books, Albums, Poets in all styles of binding, interesting Juvenile Books, Toy Books, Episcopal and Catholic Prayer Dooks, Bibles, Writing Desks, Porte Monnaies, Port Folios, Work Boxes, Gold Pens, and everything in the fancy stationery line.

An additional body of chaplains have been sent to the English army in the Crimea by the English Society for Propagating the Gospel. How ridiculous! Send an army to Russia to murder the people, burn their property and devastate the country, and at the same time send them preachers to teach Christianity. What mockery! Is it any wonder that the world contains so many infidels?

The Baptist denomination appears to be progressing in many parts of the county. Near two hundred persons have just joined that church in Mississippi; success is also reported in Louisiana, Alabama, Texas and Florida; in Virginia, they have a membership of 100,000, of whom 10,000 joined them last

Yellow Tever has not yet disappeared from New Orleans, notwithstanding the advanced stage of the season. During the week deaths their from all diseases was 220, of rally, who know well that those officers are which 7 were by yellow fever.

THE WAR FEELING IN ENGLAND. - The entire English nation is, of course, in a state of intense excitement in relation to the war in the kingdom on account of the terrible losses which have been experienced; for, in the death of some 30,000 men, of all classes and orders -nobility, gentry and commoners-almost the whole population have some personal interest. Among the plans proposed is the embodying and mobilizing the militia of the kingdom, and the replacing of the regiments of the line in the Mediterranean with the militia. Plans for employing wrought iron steam batteries. mortars of prodigious calibre, rifled guns, and other devices for sudden, vast and secret destruction, employ the attention of the Admiralty, the Ordnance Office and the Woolwich Engineers.

A project is nearly matured in Paris of a pilgrimage to Rome, in large bodies, like those of the pleasure railroad expeditions between London and Paris. Companies of hundreds will be conveyed to the Holy City and provided on the way with all comforts at at \$700 per annum. a very moderate rate.

The queen of England has given great offence to the friends of the Sabbath by having the French band of the Guides play on Sunday afternoor at Windsor Castle.

MURDER IN RICHMOND .- The Richmond papers state, that a colored boy belonging to the confectionery store of Mr. Catogni, was stabbed on Monday by a young man, 25 years of age, and so badly injured that he died within an hour afterwards. No cause is assigned for the deed. The murderer has been arrested, but refuses to give his name.

WASHINGTON NEWS AND GOSSIP. Small Notes in the District of Columbia. Mr. McMullin was mistaken, yesterday, in intimating to the House, in the course of the debate on the bill to suppress the circulation of WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON .. December 20 small notes in this District, that public opinquarter. With the exception of those engaged in the business of circulating such notes, we are utterly unable to find a single individual in the District disposed to favor them. All "It is surprising, indeed, in view of the circumstances which have heretofore prompted modation, are mere fol-de-rol-originating with those who manufacture them, to quiet the public mind under their operations through them, for their individual benefit. They are made the vehicles for the most of that pestiferous currency, purporting to be payable in the notes of other localities, by which the business interests of the District of Columbia have been so severely injured within the last two or three years. We know that we but express the very unanimous wish of the people of the District of Columbia in urging Congress to be sure to legislate on this subject, so that those who issue notes in the District of Columbia of any denomination under five dollars, or who issue notes of any denomination whatever, payable in anything but gold or silver, may be made fineable by summary process before a justice of the peace in the amount each such note calls for-one-half the said fine to go to the informer, the justice and officer to get costs and the balance to go into the treasury of the municipal corporations. While we are no advocates for depriving the District of Columbia of good banks of circulation, and entertain no idea that in 1854 any such legislation will be enacted by Congress, we do hope and trust that those on whom rests the responsibility for all the chicanery, under the name of banking, which has gone on here of late years - Congress-will be thoughtful enough in disposing of the "small note bill" to do their work effectually. The Government pays out millions here, annually, in specie for salaries and the wages of other labor-millions on millions. So there is no other point in the country whereat notes of less denomination than five dollars are really so little needed.

The District Penitentiary -Herewith we publish a communication from some one unknown to us upon the subject of the salaries paid to the employees in the Penitentiary of the District of Columbia. We take this occasion to say that the guards of this establishment are certainly underpaid. Their duties involve great responsibility, and require for their proper discharge men who are in all respects trustworthy. We have also to say, that For the redemption of stock..... \$7,723 34 these now in that position have proved them. For paying Treasury debts..... The Democratic Clubs of New York, selves competent and trustworthy. They receive \$550 each, per annum. In the last twelve menths they have each of them been required to do five hundred days' work, calculating the length of the day's duty at the usual number of working hours required of mechanics employed in our city. Thus they must do five hundred instead of three hundred days' work in the year. We trust that Congress will take their case into consideration. They deserve what we ask for them. clearly. We publish the communication to which we refer above, without further com

Messrs. Editors: Though I have not the slightest pecuniary interest in the matter, I desire, through the medium of your paper, respectfully to call the attention of Congress to a subject which, it seems to me, should claim their special and early attention, viz: the arduous duties and inadequate compensation of the officers of the United States penitentiary. While the salaries of nearly all the | be referred, without debate and as a matter of Government employees within the District privilege, to the said general committee on have very properly been considerably in- claims; and if that committee, after due excreased, in view of the increased expense of severity and danger are not surpassed, have as in the bill for the payment of private claims, yet received no attention

The warden, who, I believe, is not permitted to absent himself from the prison twenty four hours at any one time, receives but \$1,500 per annum. Few, I apprehend, would be willing to make the sacrifices that he makes, and expose their lives as he does, for such a compen sation. The ducies of the clerk are difficult, and require experience and ability-salary \$1,000. The deputy warden and principal in from the several committees, and have rethe shoe shop receive a salary of only \$750 | ceived also the sanction of said general comeach. There are six guards, with a salary of mittee. The said bill, before its final passage \$550 each, who are required to be on duty in either House, shall be read by sections, and from the rising to the setting of the sun; and a separate vote taken upon each section or it is frequently the case that they have to con | item; and this, notwithstanding the previous tinue in the same way during the night. Three | question may have been moved and seconded. inspectors have a nominal salary of \$100; In the order of business, the bill for the paywhile an experienced and skillful physician | ment of private claims shall have precedence gives his services for \$500. The chaplain, who has to walk upwards of four miles or furnish | pr ation bills." his own conveyance, and performs labor nearly equal to preaching twice every Sabbath, besides what he has occasionally to perform through the week, is allowed only \$250, which is certainly a salary only in name. The sal aries in general are not one-half, and some of them not more than one-quarter, enough to support respectably the officers and their fam-

Will not Congress, therefore, look at this matter, and extend to these more humble but not less meritorious employees of the Government the same justice they have to others?

The Auxiliary Guard .- The favorable action of the House yesterday on the bill to increase the compensation of the Auxiliary Guard of Washington city to \$600, is exceedending December 3d, the total number of ingly gratifying to our fellow-citizens generequired to labor very hard-to be up all night, every night in the year, and discharge their duties with fidelity, giving satisfaction to all interested in the peace and well being of our city. There never was a case wherein the House, for the relief of Mary Rutherford, EVENING, January 1st, 1855, at CARUSPS the Crimea. There is mourning throughout men holding such positions were better entitled to the compensation proposed to be accorded to them by the bill in question

The New York Assay Office.-We understand that Wall street is highly gratified with the act of the Sccretary of the Treasury, in furnishing the assay office in New York with drafts on the Sub-Treasury sufficient to meet all possible demands for specie, in exchange for bullion deposited while active operations were recently suspended temporarily for the settlement of accounts. They have at the assay office some three millions on hand, which will prove amply sufficient to afford coin for all bullion likely shortly to be presented for assay and exchange.

Light House Keeper Appointed .- Josiah K. Pitman at Brenton's Reef light-boat, R. I. at \$700 per annum, vice Dunn, removed. Chas Grant at Rattlesnake Shoals light-boat, S. C.

The anti Small Note Bill .- It was determined in the House, as we go to press, to pass this bill substantially as it came from the

A Pension Agent Resigned -R. W. Latham, Pension Agent at this point, has resigned.

List of Patents issued from the United States Patent Office, for the week ending Dec. 19, 1854—each bearing that date:

Charles P. Bailey, of Zanesville, Ohio .- For feeding apparatus to a machine for cutting irregular forms.

Samuel W. Brown, of Lowell, Mass .- For inprovement in condensers. Thomas J. Chubb, of New York, N. Y .- For mprovement in metal separators.

Major B. Clarke, of Newnan, Ga.—For im-

provement in cleaning seed cotton and feeding to the gin.
David W. Clark and Sylvester H. Gray, of ion is in favor of any such currency in this Bridgeport, Conn -For double acting force Horace J. Crandall, of Boston, Mass .- For

improvement in bilge supporters for holding vessels in docks. Daniel Fitzgerald, Thomas Rogers, and William C. Walker, of New York, N. Y .- For improvement in guards for ferry boats. Jno. S. Gage, of Dowagiae, Mich.-For improvement in clover harvesters.

Geo. W. Grader and Benj. F. Cowan, of theatre. Miss Dean took her benefit at that Memphis, Tenn.-For improvement in grain Stephen Hadley, Jr., of Lyman, N. H. - For

direct action water-wheel. Isaac B. Howe, of Northfield, Vt.-For improvement in machines for straightening neavy metal bars. Wm. B. Leonard, of New York, N. Y .- For

improvement in dynamometers. Charles Merrill, of Malden, Mass. - For improvement in sash fasteners. James Myers, Jr., of New York, N. Y .-- For improvement in making sugar moulds.

George Reynolds, of Bargor, Me .- For improvement in compositions for tanning. John P. Sherwood, of Fort Edward, N. For improvements in cut-nail machines. Jonathan Smith, of Naponset Village, Mass.

For improved method of holding vessels by the keel in dry and other docks. John J. Speed, jr., and John A. Bailey, of Detroit, Mich.—For shingle machine.

Louis Stein, of New York, N. Y .-- For im provement in revolving fans for apartments. Saml. Taggart, of Indianapolis, Ind -For improved clutch in machines for packing flour. Nathan Thompson, jr., of Williamsburgh N. Y .- For improvement in life-preserving

seats. Patented in England Sept. 18, 1854. Grey Utley, of Chapel Hill, N. C .- For improvement in boot crimping machines. Daniel P. Weeks, of Malden, Mass .- For improved oven cooking range. Wendell Wright, of New York, N. Y .- For

improvement in spring bed bottoms. Robt. Griffiths, of Alleghany City, Pa., and Geo. Shield, of Cincinnati, Ohio, assignors to Robt. Griffiths aforesaid -For improvement in of a conflagration in that direction. Our ever machines for forging horse-shoes. Wm. F. Ketchum, of Buffalo, N. Y., assignor to Rufus L. Howard.-For improvement in

grain and grass harvesters. Elisha Pratt, of Salem, Mass., assignor to Elisha Pratt and H. P. Upton, of same place .-For improvement in leather splitting machines. Milton Roberts, of Belfast, Me., assignor to this time the fire was in our midst; some dar

Allen B. Wilson, of Watertown, Conn., assignor to W. P. N. Fitzgerald, of Washington, D. C .- For improvement in sewing machines.

The Current Operations of the Treasury Department -On yesterday, the 19th of Dec there were of Treasury Warrants entered on the books of the Department-

For repaying in the War Department ..... 30.028 54 For the Navy Department...... 119,951 33 and delineates New York as it is. With the For the Interior Department. . . . 91,362 68 | lecture of the gentleman that accompanies

## CONGRESSIONAL.

In the Senate, yesterday, after we went to press, Mr. Brown introduced the following new joint rule, which, having been advocated in a few remarks by himself, was referred to the special committee on the claims board "There shall be appointed a standing com-

mittee of the Senate, to consist of seven members, and another of the House of Representaon claims.' It shall be the duty of said com mittee in the House of Representatives to report a bill at each session of Congress making appropriations for the payment of private claims. When the several committees of the House report in favor of any claim, the report, with the evidences on which it is based, shall amination, concur in said report, they shall living, these persons, whose labors in point of insert an item for the payment of said claim and thereupon submit the report and evidence to the House, to be printed or otherwise disposed of as the House may direct. When the bill aforesaid is reported from the House to the Senate, it shall be forthwith referred to the general committee on claims in the Senate, and they shall proceed to insert therein o'clock such items as may, in like manner in the Senate as in the House, have been reported over other bills next after the general appro-

And then, after the consideration of unimportant business, they adjourned.

In the House, the bill to amend the charter of Washington city was further discussed in Committee of the Whole. Mr. Giddings moved to add to it a proviso that no person shall be imprisoned (in Wash-

ington city) unless charged with crime or offence; not agreed to-ayes 35, noes not counted. This bill being laid aside to be reported

The bill to increase the compensation of the Auxilliary Guard to \$600; and the bill to incorporate the Mutual Fire Insurance Company in the District of Columbia, were considered and laid aside to be favorably reported on.

The committee then proceeded to consider the bill to suppress the circulation of small notes as a currency in the District of Columbia; which was discussed by Messrs. Hamilton, McMullin, Florence, Skelton, Letcher, Davis of Indiana, and Taylor of Ohio, ere they rose, when the House adjourned.

## Proceedings of To-Day.

In the Senate, to-day, the private bill from was passed. On motion of Mr. Bayard, the bill to secure

and amended and duly passed. Mr. Hunter then brought up the invalid

pension bill. Mr. Fessenden moved an amendment to the bill placing the widows and orphan children of officers, seamen, and marines of the Navy of the Rrevolution, on the same footing, as regards pensions, with those of the widows and orphan children of officers and soldiers of the Revolutionary army.

This proposition was advocated by Senators Brown and Chase for it, and Hunter against it, on the ground that it was not appropriate to the bill before them.

In the House, Mr. Fuller moved a resolution instructing the Committee on Commerce to in quire into the necessity for legislation to protect the rights of American citizen purchasers of vessels of foreigners; agreed to. Mr. Whitfield, delegate from Kansas, appeared in the Hall, and was sworn in.

Several bills were presented and referred; among them being one for the working of a partment. steam dredge on Lake Champlain. The bills granting additional powers to the

Corporation of Washington; increasing the compensation of the Auxiliary Guard; incorporating the Mutual Fire Insurance Company of the District of Columbia; and the bill authorizing the Washington Gas Light Company to increase its capital, were passed. The House then went into the Committee of

the Whole on the state of the Union, (Mr. Phelps in the chair,) and took up the bill to suppress the circulation of small notes in the District of Columbia. Amendments thereto were proposed, and advocated in five-minute speeches, by Messrs. Simmons, Grow, and Hughes, and opposed by

bill as it came from the Senate.

Mr. Hamilton, who urged the enactment of the

PERSONAL.

.... Mr. John A. Washington, the proprietor of Mount Vernon, declines to sell the grave of Washington to the Virginia society of ladies who made overtures for the purchase of it. He declares himself unwilling that Mount Vernon should pass from his possession, unless to the State of Virginia or to the United States

.... Senater Atchison and Gan. Whitfield (delegate to Congress from Kansas Territory) were in Independence on the 9th instant, on their way to Washington.

.... Mr. Nagle, a promising young actor. and a brother of the attentive assistant treasurer of the Broadway theatre, has been playing with Miss Julia Dean at the Charleston place last Saturday, when she appeared as Mrs. Haller, and Mr. Nagle as the Stranger. They have both met with success at the South, and attracted overflowing audiences.

.... Dr. Graham, who is in the Tombs New York, is reported by the Express to be comfortable. He is daily visited by his wife and by members of the profession. Whether he will be pardoned or not is quite uncertain.

.... General Whitfield, the newly elected delegate from Kansas, has arrived here He looks like just the man to carry a new country by storm.

.... The old and well known firm of Taylor & Cassilly, of New Orleans and Cincinnati. has stopped payment. This is one of the oldest, and, heretofore, one of the most reliable firms in the West and Southwest, and is a forcible example of the effect of the "hard

## ALEXANDRIA CORRESPONDENCE.

Christmas Times-Fires and Alarms-Sur Benefit-Bullard's Panorama-Lecture.

ALEXANDRIA, Dec. 20, 1854. Things begin to look bright and Christmas like. Our fancy, jewelry, and confectionery establishments especially, are set off in the most tempting array.

Fire alarms have been quite numerous of late; most of them proceed from burning chimneys, &c.; but early on Sunday night a lurid light westerly from our city, gave token active firemen started, but it was soon dis covered that the distance to the scene of action was too great for them to render service. The barn, hay stacks, &c., of Mr. Cowling, some five miles from our city, were totally destroyed, at a loss of nearly \$1,500; not insured.

An hour afterward the slarm again sounded; Milton Roberts and Hiram E. Pierce, of same ing incendiary having applied the torch to a place.—For improved machine for turning fine brick building on King street, near water, prismatic forms.

| Compared the first of the fir gallant firemen rallied, streams of old Cameron soon quenched the devouring element and danger was over. The loss of \$380 falls on the Insurance Company.

Monday evening the Sun Fire Company's benefit came off at Liberty Hall. The large audience were never more delighted as they must have been when Kunkel's Troupe did their best. Last night the same troupe made another audience merry at Liberty Hall.

quainted with New York pronounce most faith-ful to the reality) is over six miles in length, each scene with a description of its features, a visit to this Panorama is second only to a visit to the city. Rev. Thomas H. Stockton, of Baltimore

opened the lectures of the Young Men's Christian Association, last night, at the South Presbyterian Church. KANSAS TERRITORIAL LEGISLATURE .- The

Independence (Mo.) Occidental Messenger of Dec. 9, says it has received pretty reliable information "that Gov. Reeder would take the tives, to consist of thirteen members, to be preliminary steps toward ordering an election called in each House the general committee for a Territorial Legislature, in some ten or fifteen days." Real estate continues to be sold in New

York daily at auction, at ruinously low prices. A splendid dwelling house in the 5th avenue, near 30th street-right in the contre of uppertendom-was disposed of this week for 33,000 Its actual cost two years since, was 52,000.

INCREASE OF PAUPERS.—The whole number of paupers in the United States, supported in whole or in part by public funds, within the year 1853, was 134,972, against 50,353 in 1850.

SCHOOL OF DESIGN .- METRO-SCHOOL OF DESIGN. METRO-POLITAN MECHANICS' INSTITUTE - A regular monthly meeting of the Metropolitan Mechanics' Institute will be held THIS (Wedgesday) EVEN-ING, the 20th instant, at the Institute Rooms, over G. & T. Parker's Store, Pennsylvania avenue, at 71

Reports from the various sub-committees of the Exhibition Committee will be made in relation to Persons desirous of becoming members, will have

an opportunity of obtaining their tickets, which tickets will give them the privilege of attending the Exhibition, Lectures, and the School of Design which will open on Thursiay evening next. The public are respectfully invited to attend. P. M. PEARSON, Rec Sec. NOTICE .- National Guard!-A

perial meeting of the Company will be held at 7 o'clock, at which every member is expect on WEDNESDAY EVENING, December 20th ed to he present as important busine a demand their By order of the Captain:

T. E. LLOYD, Sec. dec 19-2t

Capt. Oliver Byrne, Scientific Lec turer, will deliver a Lecture on the Military operations in the Crimes, and the influence of the present Maropean War on the United States, FRI-DAY EVE TING, Dec. 22d, at Copp's Saloon, to com mence at 8 o'clock. Tickets 25 cents each, to be had at the hotels and Boot stores, and at the door on the

FAIR.—The ladies attached to Union Chapel M. E. Church, will hold a FAIR in Farnham's Hall, corner of Eleventh street and Pe avenue, commencing on MONDAY, the 18th inst. the proceeds of which will be applied to the imprevement of the above named Church. A variety of useful articles will be offered for sale Supper served every evening. Admission 12% cis Season ticke's \$1, to be had at the door.

GRAND ANNUAL BALL

## OF THE

THE "GERMAN YAGERS" respectfully inf rm their friends, both civil and military, that their ANNUAL BALL will be given on MONDAY

Everything shall be done on the part of the comthe rights of citizenship to the children of pany to give satisfaction, and the committee pledge American citizens born abroad was taken up themselves to do their part in every particular.

Tickets can be procured from the Committee, and

Price of tickets ONE DOLLAR & FIFTY OENTS. No hats to be worn in the ball room except by Committee of Arrangements. Ensign N Hopp, F Klots.

Or Fgt M Ruppell, G Schlegel, J Angerman, & Govemondor, C Openstein. Floor Managers.
M. Ruppell, O S, F W Sellhausen, Qc Mr

dee 20-W&S&d1w FIRE CRACKERS.

LOT just received of Golden Chop No. 1, forty packs to the box, for sale by the box only, at he store of the Canton Tea Company, No 510 Seventh street. I rice low. Terms cash HALL & HENNING.

FOR HIRE-A MIDDLE AGED WOMAN (slave) with the best recommendations as to character, good cook, washer and ironer. Apply at Miss Bris coe's, 17th street, immediately opposite War De-RT.CLES OF UTILITY-CHRISTMAS PRES A ENTS-STEVENS, Browns' Hotel, has a fresh

large and elegant assortment of Gents' Scarfs, Napoleon Ties, Handkerchiefs, Cravats, Gloves, &c., of the best qualities and latest importations. Persons making presents will find our a sor ment complete. and of the best quality, and at the lowest prices.
dec 20—3t Falesroom, Browns' Hotel. STANDARD FRENCH AUTHORS, fine editions in fine Pa is bindings, are for sale in variety by the undersignen; imported by himself from Paris—

many of them just opened. FRANCK TAYLOR. NOTICE.

LL Persons indabted to C. W. Coleman's Grocery

A Store, Bridge street, Georgetown, D. C., for whom I have been agent will please pay him, as I am no longer agent for him, dec 18-3t

OFFICIAL.

DEPARTMENT OF STATE, Washington, Dec. 19, 1854 The following extract from the "London Gazette" of November 7, 1854, has been officially communicated to this department:

NOTIFICATION.

FOREIGN OFFICE, DOWNING STREET, November 3 1854. It is hereby notified that the Earl of Clarendon, her Majesty's principal Fecretary of State for Foreign Affairs has received from the Lo.ds Commissioners of the Admiralty a copy of a destatch "Dule of Wellington off Faro sound 21st October, 1854." from vice Admiral Sir Charles Napier, K C B, commander in chief of her Majasty's naval forces in the Bultic, informing their lordships that he had raised the blockeds of the Russian ports undermentioned. from that date:

"Islands of Aro, Uto. the Aland Archipelage, Nys tad, Bjorneborg, Christianstad. Wasa, Walgrund islands, Little Carleby, Lotto, Kalajoki, Brahistad, Utestorg, Karle island, Ijo Gewils, Kemi, and all intermediate Russian ports to Neder To, nea. situated at the head of the Gult of Bothnia, in latitude about 65 deg. 50 min. north, longitude 24 deg. 15 min. east "

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA. WASHINGTON COUNTY, to wit: do hereby certify that Wm. IV. Birch of thee waty aforesaid, brought before me the subscriber, a Justice of the Peace in and for said county, this 18th day of December, 1854, as a s ray, traspating on his premises, a SORREL HORSE, age beyond the mark of mouth, about 15 hends high, a star in his fore head, two hind feet white, and off fore fot white switch tall, trots and canters. Given under my hand.

JOHN D. CLARK, J. P. The owner of the above described horse is requested to prove property, pay charges, and take him away. WM. B. EIRCH.

FURS, FURS! CHRISTMAS PRESENTS AT SEYM DE'S IN GEORGETOWN -Nothing can be more appropriate as a present to a lady than a beautiful set of FURS. Just received this day f om New York elegant sets of -

Stone Marten, Mink Marten, Fitch, Rock Marten, Equirrel, Frmine The greatest abundance of children's Furs. Prices lower than ever. W. F. SEYMOU., dec 20-36\* No. 132 Brilge street.

BOOKS FOR THE HOLIDAYS. VERY LARGE ASSORTMENT OF ENGLISH Bibles, Episcopal and Catholic, Prayer Books in rich and elegant binding, and children's Book, the most extensive collection erer tefore offered in the Also, a good asso tment of Cutlery and Fancy Sta tionery. Just received, and for sale at great bar-

bains by E. K. LUNDY. No. 128 Bridge street, G orgetown. OWEN H. BESTOR. MATHEMATICAL PHILOSOPPICAL AND SPRICAL

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NAYLOR & MAURY have the honor to announce the completion of the preparations for the Festival Season.

In a dition to their ordinary stock (which has always been characterized by elegance and variety) Consents to death, but conquers they have received a choice selection of beautifully And his droop'd head sinks gradually low-Writing Dasks in Papier Mache and resewood

Porte Monnaies, Taper Stands &c. Together with a general assortment of Novelties, remarkable for a combination of the useful with the ornamental, at prices suitable to the artizan or mil-

Ladies' Cabas, Cigar Stands and Cases

Card Baskets, Inkstands

Book and Stationery Store, near 9th st. dec 20-tf

12 BEAUTIFUL WORK BOXES
16 roseword and papier mache Desks 10 super b Pianos 24 Tilton's Guitars

2 fide Papier mache Side Tables 12 dozen asserted Violins In addition to Card Cases, Porte Montaies Children's Toys, Beautiful Vases, and a Lost e Farcy Goods, all suitable for Pesents.

JNO. F. ELLIS. Pa. svenue, between 9 h and 10th sts., No. 306. THRISTMAS PRESENTS for the Boys. J The most appropriate presents for Boys during the Holidays are a good Suite of Cicthes, Overcost,

or Talma, selected from our present large and beau-

quality for a mere trifle of WALL & STEPHENS. Pa. avenue, next deor to Iron Hell.

CAKES FOR CHRISTMAS. THE subscriber has a large and varied assortidays. Especial attention is called to the quality as well as to the variety of the supply.

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